

## MUSIC.

## THE FIRST PHILHARMONIC REHEARSAL OF THE SEASON.

The first Philharmonic rehearsal of the season took place on Friday afternoon, at the Academy of Music. The attendance was not quite so large as usual, and the preparation for the Water's distraction, being apparently incomplete, the performances were hindered to a tolerable degree of attention. Mr. Carl Bergmann is again the conductor of this fine body of musicians. On the whole, he is the best man for the position that we have among us, and there are sufficient reasons for believing that if proper opportunities were afforded him, he would speedily bring his orchestra to a degree of perfection approaching, if not fully equaling, that of the best in the principal European capitals. Under the present system upon which the affairs of the Philharmonic Society are conducted, the result can hardly be expected. We are told that the practice of giving public rehearsals is essential to the financial stability of the Association. That fact granted—and we have no right to dispute it—it should also be understood that its necessity involves the surrender of the highest artistic purposes. Absolute completeness of detail, and thorough unity of execution, can never be attained under the embarrassing conditions of crowded audiences at preliminary rehearsals. The rehearsal is too often resorted to as a means of securing necessary repetitions, and he loses the authentic but salutary prerogative of properly animating the rehearsal subordinates in time of need. In almost every way he is hampered and trammelled. Proofs of this were not wanting on Friday, although the programme was a comparatively simple one, and was composed of selections which must be known almost by heart to every musician. The Mozart Symphony in E flat, for example, presents hardly a single difficulty, yet we suspect that but for the presence of the orchestra, the rehearsal would have been much sharper work with the last movement. The music of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," too, was passed over before anything like the proper exactness and delicacy, even of a first rehearsal, were displayed. In the overture, especially, the gossamer faintness of the rapid violin passages was sadly disturbed, and, although Mr. Bergmann here showed himself more of a disciplinarian than at any other time during the afternoon, his efforts were insufficient to secure the needed precision and lightness. The familiar overture to "Oberon," which could hardly go otherwise than smoothly, was the only performance in which no positive inaccuracies were perceptible, although, even in this, an oversight, of which we shall presently speak, destroyed the effect of the slow movement. It is not our purpose, of course, to review a performance of this sort with the critical closeness which a regular concert would warrant, but we cannot avoid speaking of those errors which the custom of allowing the public to assist at the rehearsal has introduced. We have at the preface to the "Midsummer Night's Dream" overture, for example, the orchestra was only allowed for each concert during the season. Of these—and they are certainly few enough—one at least should be strictly private. It is in the power of no conductor, however skillful, to "break in" so large a force as that under Mr. Bergmann's control when surrounded by a multitude whose demand is for a sustained and unbroken flow of sound, and which becomes impatient when anything in the way of solid work is undertaken.

The formation of the orchestra, and the distribution of the various instruments, appears to be generally good. The violas were weak on Friday; but that, we presume, was an accident of the day, and will be remedied hereafter. In the midst of some 30 or 40 violins (first and second), 13 or 14 basses, and as many cellos, a half-score of violas is certainly insufficient. We overlook a number of slight confusing circumstances which occurred, for the reason that they were of a kind which future rehearsals are almost sure to dispose of satisfactorily. One or two mistakes, however, should be looked at once. In the introduction of the "Midsummer Night's Dream" overture, the trombones should be used, instead of the more modern instrument employed. These things are not trifles. There is no more exquisite effect in instrumentation than that produced by a large body of muted violins playing in unison. If half the bridges are left uncovered, the composer's intention is destroyed. With regard to the trombones, it should be remembered that its raucous low tones are designed to suggest the coarser colors of the poem, and that the gentler instrument fails to convey the desired impression. If the braying leap of the muted violins, which, with the violins, is the characteristic of Bottom's transposition, is to be given to the reeds, for example, the effect would not be more absolutely lost.

The programme on Friday rehearsed, which is undoubtedly also intended for the opening concert, is pleasantly enough chosen. Mozart's E flat symphony is a work of never-dying beauty, and the combination of "Oberon" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" affords the opportunity of immediately comparing the opposite spirit in which a kindred subject is treated by two eminent composers. Mrs. Charles Moulton, of whose performance at a recent concert we have spoken, has consented to sing an air from "Figaro's Marriage," and Schubert's "Er-King." Mrs. Moulton appeared on Friday afternoon, and was enthusiastically received. We take it for granted that she is now disposed to submit herself to the same estimate as that by which professional artists are judged—a test which we believe she is perfectly capable of meeting. Her voice on Friday showed admirable qualities of richness and purity. Her manner of singing was open to grave objections. "Voilà le Papaver," she sang, with a free, free from such frivolous ornaments as those with which the melodies with which no vocalist should presume to take a liberty. In the "Er-King" she appeared to be better advantage, her quick dramatic instinct and fine feeling greatly assisting its effect. All things considered, if the first step of the Philharmonic was not so firm and assured as we could have wished, it was undoubtedly in the right direction, apart from the slight deviations we have mentioned, and there is good reason to hope it will be followed by a straightforward march of improvement.

BROOKLYN PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Last Saturday evening the first concert of this season of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Society was given before an audience which filled the spacious Academy in every part. The programme presented but a single novelty—a performance of Liszt's piano-forte concerto with orchestral accompaniment, in E flat, by Miss Alide Topp. As the work will probably be repeated near the close of the season, we defer speaking more particularly of its character than to say that it represents in as good a light as could be desired the author's theories and methods of composition, and exhibits a skill in uniting the two utterly antagonistic elements of the piano-forte and the orchestra which earlier writers have either been unable to command or unwilling to attempt. At the best, the combination is aesthetically illogical, and can only be explained—it can hardly be justified—by the desire of pianists who are also composers on a large scale to magnify the dignity of their works by surrounding them with an amplitude of orchestral effect, and to personally participate in their public interpretation. It is a musical curiosity of this sort, the weaker, which is the piano-forte, must inevitably go to the wall. Liszt has succeeded in preserving a better balance than his predecessors, which, however, is saying little. We may add that the concerto is excellently proportioned, and that the unity is maintained by avoiding the conventional practice of dividing into three or four distinct parts, with pauses between. Here the movement is continuous, as, unless in very exceptional cases, it should be in all compositions of the sort. Miss Alide Topp lacks the physical strength necessary for a thoroughly adequate performance of so exhausting a work, but the absence of this quality was almost atoned for by the intelligence, the earnestness and the conscientious care she displayed. She had the sympathy of the audience from the beginning, and the applause which saluted her at the close was as heartily shared in by the critical few as by the demonstrative multitude. Miss Alide Phillips was the vocalist of the evening. She sang the air from Handel's "Rinaldo," which, through her, has become a welcome addition to the repertoire of our concert-rooms. A second and a third time she sang the same song, with her accustomed purity and refinement, and with the same skill and taste in the selection of her vocal ornaments, and with the same skill and taste in the selection of her vocal ornaments, and with the same skill and taste in the selection of her vocal ornaments.

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## AUSPICIOUS OMENS.

One of the most interesting events of the times is the reunion now happily effected between the conflicting jurisdictions of one of the most influential Christian denominations in the United States. The ceremonies were impressive and their influence was far-reaching—far indeed beyond the "Assemblies" and the "Schools" more immediately concerned—and affecting not merely a single sect, or section, or nationality, but the whole Christian world that has been so long scandalized by the discord on such a question among so large a number of American professors of religion. What intelligent persons could witness those ceremonies, what religious and patriotic minds can now hear of them, without feeling that the division and reunion of that important sect are portions of the awful tragedy that convulsed the nation with long years of warfare, deluged the land with blood, and sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives?

The schism in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches was one of the gloomiest harbingers of national woe. The distinctions of South and North in those influential sects foreshadowed the political convulsion that threatened destruction to our National Union. As such wide-spread and powerful religious denominations actually split on the rock of Slavery, many of the truest patriots doubted for a while about the possibility of preserving the Ship of State amid the storm which thus wrecked the unity of Christian churches. And well might they doubt the continuance of political unity, when armed conflict between the South and North was accelerated as well as foreshadowed by sectarian disruptions flowing from the same accursed cause.

The baneful influence of sectarian divisions on that old, vexed question should now be counteracted by uncommon efforts for promoting religious, social, and political advancement, in the path of which these divisions were a stumbling-block. Above all, the example of reunion presented by the Presbyterian Church should not be lost on the other great sect whose divisions exerted a like baneful influence on the religious and political condition of the nation. The Methodists, "North" and "South" owe it to their God and their country to bury their feuds in the grave of the now obsolete "institution" that occasioned them, and which their venerated patriarch denounced as "the sum of all villainies."

The system of architectural competitions in vogue never yet has produced, and never will produce, a thoroughly successful building. The ordinary run of vestrymen, bank directors, and life insurance officers called on to decide them generally know as much about the Chinese alphabet as they do of the principles of true architecture. Are we to reckon the Vestry of St. James's, Brooklyn, more competent in such a matter, because they have set some eight or nine of our leading professional men to work on plans for their new church, to cost \$250,000, at the remarkable remuneration of \$300 each for their preliminary studies? Some of our best buildings, as All Souls' Church (characterized by THE TRIBUNE two years ago as, "with all its faults, the first 'genuine piece of architecture in America'), the West Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Churches, and more recently the Temple Emanuel, on Fifth-ave., and the new St. Thomas's, were placed immediately in the hands of their respective architects without any roundabout palaver on the part of the several committees. When we need a first-rate doctor or lawyer, we don't consult a dozen, to know how each would practice or prescribe. No, gentlemen of St. James's, if you really mean to do the fair and square thing this time, call in the aid of the two most accomplished architects artistically and constructionally outside the pale of pure competition, and let the decision be intrusted to their disinterested, calm professional deliberations. If you attempt it yourselves, A. will go to blind for "his man," and B. for "his"—even should C's protégé and plan have all the merit of Michael Angelo, Bramante, and Palladio rolled into one!

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